

CSHCS INFO #5-2017 - Palliative Care information

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Dear Colleagues,

CSHCS is clarifying the method of covering palliative care physician services outside of Hospice Care for certain life-limiting conditions. CSHCS has covered palliative care physician services when provided by an authorized provider as a part of regular medical care. Over time, improvements in medical technology and treatments have led to many more children with life limiting conditions living much longer lives, and needing palliative care physician services while not needing Hospice Care. There has also been progress in the specialized field of non-hospice palliative care. There is a small but growing group of Palliative Care Board Certified physicians who are able to provide more comprehensive palliative care than was available in the past.

Please see the first attachment for current CSHCS identified conditions whereby palliative care physician services may be appropriate, and the second attachment for the current list of Michigan Board Certified Palliative Care physicians that have been pre-approved for CSHCS. Also attached is the CSHCS definition of palliative care, based on the WHO definition.

The process for adding a palliative care physician to a client file is as follows:

- 1) A request to authorize one of the palliative care physicians on the attached list for a specific client is received by the LHD or CSHCS central office analyst;
- 2) Confirmation is needed that the client's CSHCS covered condition(s) is/are one or more of the conditions listed on the attached excel spreadsheet;
- 3) Once confirmed, the palliative care physician can be authorized for that client.
- 4) No additional review/approval required by the medical consultants for the listed conditions or the listed providers.
- 5) Any other request for palliative care, either for a condition that is not on the current list or for a provider that is not on the current list must be forwarded to the medical consultants for review.

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